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“Through Jesus we achieve our very best.”

Newsletter No 14 – Friday 12th April 2019

Attendance & Punctuality since last newsletter. Congratulations to Year 5!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97%	97.3%	96.5%	97.3%	95.7%	98.2%	94.5%
No of Lates	24	24	12	12	19	13	21
Whole school attendance this fortnight	96.6 %			School Target			96%



Thank you, thank you, thank you...

We were blown away by the ingenuity and creativity of our children who submitted gardens, bonnets, decorated eggs and a painting on canvas. The time parents and families spend on these with the children is appreciated by everyone at school, creates wonderful memories for children and has a significant impact on learning.



DIARY DATES:

- Fri 12th Apr. **SCHOOL CLOSSES** for the Easter holidays
- Mon 29th Apr. **SCHOOL RE-OPENS** - 8.55am
- Mon 29/04 to Fri 10/05. Year 4 swimming - 1.15-3.30pm
- Tue 30th Apr. No Mass
Year 4 Hockey competition - Hollywood Primary - 4-5pm
- Mon 6th May. **May Day Bank holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Mon 13th to Fri 24th May. Year 5 swimming - 1.15-3.30pm
Year 1/2 Tennis Coaching - School playground - 1.20-2.45pm
- Fri 17th May. Year 5/6 Maypole FC Cup Competition - 4pm
- Mon 20th May. Year 6 meeting with Bishop Challoner - 11am
- Wed 22nd May. Year 3/4 School Games Tennis Competition - Billesley Tennis Centre - 12.30-4pm
- Thu 23rd May. **EU Election Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Fri 24th May. **SCHOOL CLOSSES** for Half-Term - 3.15pm
- Mon 3rd June. **Teachers Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tue 4th June. **SCHOOL RE-OPENS** - 8.55am
Girls only Kwik Cricket Comp - King's Heath CC - 10am-2pm
- Wed 5th June. Year 2 End-of-year trip - Weston-Super-Mare
- Wed 5th-Fri 7th June. Year 6 Bikeability training - all day
- Thu 6th June. Year 5 Kwik Cricket Comp - Harborne CC 10am
- Fri 7th June. Year 3 End-of-year trip - Museum of Cannock
- Thu 10th June. Year 6 Kwik Cricket Comp - KHCC - 10am-2pm
- Tue 13th-Thu 15th June. Year 6 Bikeability training - all day

Your generosity in response to our Lenten appeals is humbling. The children have worked so hard to raise the money that will benefit many, many people (£1024.25 so far).

Monday 6th May
May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 23rd May
EU Election Day
Monday 3rd June
Teachers Training Day



In the event that elections will be held for the European Parliament, they will take place on Thursday 23rd May. School will serve as polling station and will be closed to children that day.



Please remember to wash PE kits over the break and return them for the first day back after the Easter holidays.



Please check that your child has the correct uniform for the first day back after Easter.



3rd May
3.15pm

The PTA are holding a "Friday Takeaway" and will be selling samosas, biryani, chicken curry, noodles, spring rolls, chips and cakes. All food will be halal.



Year 4 children will go swimming for two weeks straight after the Easter holidays, starting on Monday 29th April. The lessons take place each afternoon and children are back in school ready to be collected at 3.30pm.

Swimming forms part of the National Curriculum so it is compulsory to participate in and it also teaches children vital life skills.

During the intensive swimming course, children **MUST** bring their swimming kit (costume/trunks and a towel) into school **EVERYDAY**. Please ensure the swimming kit is in a clearly named bag. Children with long hair will also need a swimming hat. Any outstanding swimming questionnaires need to be back in school ASAP: this record is passed onto the swimming baths on the first day so they have an idea of the children's swimming ability and will group the children accordingly.



All Stars Cricket is the ECB's entry level participation programme aimed at providing children 5-8 years old with a great fun first experience of cricket.

This programme is starting again in May 2019 at local Cricket Clubs and Leisure Centres. Every child that registers receives a backpack of cricket goodies. If you're interested in registering your child, you can go to www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars to find a local centre.

If you would like more information about the All Stars Cricket Programme, please speak to Miss Haydon.



Maundy Thursday
18th April – 8pm
Good Friday
19th April – 3pm
Easter Sunday
21st April – 10am

All are welcome at Ss John & Martin's Church on George Street, next week.

If you are a Catholic, please do your best to take your children to these three Holy Week Services.

Congratulation to Year 3 for their Stone Age Assembly, last Friday, and for leading us in Mass this Tuesday. Many thanks to all the parents who came. Our next Mass is Tuesday 7th May. Photos from assemblies and other events are on our website and some are on our twitter account.

The Dionysus Ensemble presents



A Musical Adventure

11am - Monday 22nd April
Ages 0-7 £2 per child – Adults free
Children's concert with bite-sized music
St Columba URC Hall – Chantry Road
Moseley – B13 8DD



The PTA would love to welcome new members. If you are interested, please come to their next meeting at 2pm on Friday 10th May.



Sadly, two cars are putting our children's lives at risk by parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside school. We do talk to drivers every time we are made aware of this happening, so please let us know if you see it.

We are delighted to announce the birth of Mrs Sullivan's granddaughter. Alarna was born on Friday 29th March 2019.



Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their hard work and excellent behaviour with an afternoon tea!

Rec – Summer & Tye
Year 1 – Adam & Ayaan
Year 2 – Maleka & Layla
Year 3 – Fahad & William
Year 4 – Anthony & Muhammad
Year 5 – Falaq & Anaya
Year 6 – Satnam & Yafate